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August 31, 2004

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 or 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For August 31 2004

BUNZL PLC
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

ENGLAND
(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

110 Park Street, London W1K 6NX
(Address of principal executive offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes No ..X..

(If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):)

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Description

1. Press release dated August 31 2004 - Acquisition

31 August 2004

BUNZL TO EXPAND OUTSOURCING SERVICES IN NORTH AMERICA

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Bunzl plc, the international distribution and outsourcing Group, today announces that it has agreed in principle to purchase TSN, a leading distributor of goods not for resale to the growing convenience stores sector across the United States. Based in Denver, Colorado and with a facility in Richmond, Indiana, TSN had sales in 2003 of \$130 million. Its largest customer is McLane Company, Inc. through which it serves many convenience store chains. Net assets at completion are estimated to be \$11 million on a debt free basis.

Commenting on the acquisition, Anthony Habgood, Chairman of Bunzl, said:

"This is an excellent opportunity to expand our Outsourcing Services business in North America in a growing sector. Combined with our existing convenience store business, it puts us in a strong position to take advantage of that growth. It will enable us to use our distribution network more effectively and potentially to increase the breadth of product provided to TSN's customers and to the convenience store market more generally."

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BUNZL PLC

Date: August 31 2004

By:___/s/ Anthony Habgood__

Title: Chairman